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1. THE DRC STATUS REPORT ON THE NATO FORCE PLANNING
DATA BASE (DPC/D(78)5) HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND WILL PRO-
BABLY BE ON THE DPC AGENDA DURING THE WEEK OF 5 JUNE.
2. THE DRAFT REPORT WAS INCLUDED IN THE ANNEX TO DRC/N(77)
27, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN THE DRC AND HAS BEEN REVISED
AND REISSUED.
3. DPC/D(78)5 GIVES A BRIEF HISTORY, CURRENT STATUS,
AND FUTURE PLANS OF THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE.
THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE REPORT IS TO SUPPORT THE
EFFORTS OF EXPERTS IN NATIONAL CAPITALS TO PROVIDE
NECESSARY DATA INPUTS TO THE NFPDB.

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4. IN THE DRC DISCUSSIONS ALL COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THE
NFPDB IN PRINCIPLE. THE ONLY RESERVATIONS WERE BY (1)
UK OVER PRIORITY OF THE NFPDB VIS-A-VIS OTHER NATIONAL
DATA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS AND (2) BELGIUM OVER
ASSURANCES THAT THE NFPDB WOULD NOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY
ADDITIONAL NATO EXPENSES. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE SINCE
REMOVED THEIR RESERVATIONS.

5. AT THE DPC MEETING WE PROPOSED TO AGREE TO THE
REPORT AND NOTE THE SUPPORT WE HAVE PROVIDED TO THE
NFPDB.

6. NO GUIDANCE IS REQUIRED. GLITMAN

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